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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALEXANDRE A.N. BAPTISTA
APPLICATION No.: 10/789,456
FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004
FOR: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH
VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

EXAMINER: HARMON, CHRISTOPHER R.
ART UNIT: 3721
CONF. NO: 5171
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
37469-8013.US01

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P.O. Box 1450
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**TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ This Transmittal;
- ☒ Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- ☒ Return postcard.

2. Extension of Time:

- ☐ Applicants request a one month extension of time.

3. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.